GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM
BRAHMANAND MANDAL

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware about the recent statement made by U.S. President George Bush `that those nations which are not with us, they are with terrorists`;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; (

(c) whether apart from India there are other nations also which are opposed to both terrorism and the U.S.; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) Government has seen the statement by the U.S. President from which the sentence has been quoted in the question.

(b) Government plays a strong role in raising international awareness about the menace of terrorism and in strengthening global cooperation, including in the United Nations, in combating it. Government believes that success in this endeavour would depend heavily on the unambiguous commitment of all nations to abjure sponsoring and supporting terrorist groups and networks and join in the global campaign against terrorism. Further, Government supports the ongoing military campaign against the Taliban and Al Qaeda network as an important step in the global war against terrorism and its sponsors everywhere in the world.

(c) & (d) Does not arise